



Age+ in Salford – Supplementary Information – questions raised by shortlisters when reviewing George House Trust’s initial application

You are linked into Shine which is great to see, but have there been links made with any other Salford providers / VCSE groups in this area?

We have numerous links with other Salford providers and VCSE groups in the area.

Operationally, we deliver a Greater Manchester wide contract (PaSH) for which Salford Council is the lead commissioning organisation. Through this, we regularly work closely with a range of Salford-based organisations to support and advocate for and with people living with HIV. In the last 12 months, we have worked with the following providers, services and VCSE groups in Salford in this way: Salford Social Services – Adults, Salford Social Services – Children, Salford Assist, Salix Homes, Salford District Nurses, Salford Home Search, Aspire, Emmaus, Salford Job Centre, Salford Health Visitors, Trussell Trust Foodbank, Police Complex Safeguarding Team.

We are members of Salford CVS and connect with the local VCSE sector and partnerships through that. Recent examples of this include work with Being There - a Salford Charity which supports people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses – who we provided HIV Awareness training to, and the Alzheimer’s Society in Salford, who we were able to partner with to run an event for George House Trust service users about their Dementia Friends programme. We also provided Alzheimer’s Society with HIV Awareness Training.

Our Chief Executive is also an active member of the Salford VOCAL Leaders forum for VCSE leaders and regularly attends meetings.

The proposal is to deliver 6 meetings in 2 months. Please can we have details on where meetings will take place, and for how many people?

We have strong links with a range of venues and partners in Salford, and we have previously delivered sessions in Salford with partners. For these meetings, we plan to analyse where our service users live in Salford, and then decide the specific location based on that information. The venues are likely to be either Salford City Council spaces (e.g. Community Centres) across the area tailored to the locality of our service users, or using University of Salford room hire. We expect approximately 20 people to attend each meeting.

Salford is very different to Manchester, with no real central location - where meetings will take place could greatly impact of people attending. How would this risk be mitigated?

We are used to working in Salford and with people from Salford; approximately 15% of people that access our support each year live in Salford, which is the second highest area across Greater Manchester for our service users. Our strong links with a range Salford based organisations through our existing work including Survivors Manchester, Salford CVS, Social Adventures, Salford MIND, and AGE UK Salford, mean we are well placed to understand the importance of delivering sessions locally.

Should any older people living with HIV struggle to attend (e.g. due to mobility issues), we have a volunteer driver service which we would utilise, providing service users with lifts with George House Trust volunteer drivers which would enable people to attend and further mitigate the risk of low attendance. Our volunteer drivers are managed by George House Trust's Volunteer Coordinator and undergo the necessary checks (DBS) before they undertake any work.

Have validated questionnaires been considered for wellbeing measurement? It would be useful to map the methods of data collection to process and outcome measures being collected.

In our existing project for older people living with HIV – Age+ - we carry out a wellbeing assessment questionnaire at the start and at the end of a person's engagement with us. We would be happy to provide a copy of this questionnaire if you would like to see it. We plan to do this for this project. Ad-hoc feedback and qualitative data will also be collected, as well as quantitative data such as participation, attendance and specific actions and progress milestones achieved by the people we will be working with will also be monitored. We will also carry out a wider evaluation of this work, including an advisory forum with service users as part of the evaluation.

As an organisation we are well practiced and experienced in data collection and analysis; we do this with all activities across our organisation. We use our database to capture and monitor engagement, record participation and track progress. We use the information captured to analyse, inform and develop our service provision.

Thank you for considering our application.

